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Belleville traffic concerns spur talk of change

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Members of the Belleville Central Business Community met with Belleville city administrators again on Oct. 30 to discuss Main Street parking and road improvements in the growing city.

Community officials are considering some sweeping changes and will soon seek the advice of professional traffic engineers on how to keep traffic flowing yet get shoppers to stop downtown.

The city will send requests for proposals to several area traffic engineers for a traffic study in the near future that will hopefully be completed by the next meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Jan. 22. Engineers would look at traffic counts and patterns; stoplight locations and turning areas.

Among those in attendance at the Main Street traffic meeting were Mayor Tom Fielder and City Manager Steve Walters; Mike Windiate of Mike's Hardware; Kay Atkins of Threads & Treasures; Mike and John Colletta of Lakeside Jewelers; Brad Minges of Trojan Dry Cleaners; Brian Loranger, D.C., a Belleville chiropractor; Linda Benson of Stencils & More; and Bill Walters of Stoney Creek Motorsports and organizer of the C.B.C. Main Street Traffic meetings.

Atkins said she wanted to avoid congested roads when the streets were filled with businesses.

"You don't want traffic so slow that people are taking risks to get around, but we want people to drive slowly enough to see our businesses and avoid pedestrians," Fielder said.

The group is proposing the establishment of two one-way streets: making High Street one way west from Main to Church and Roys Street one way from Church to Main.

Another proposal is to eliminate traffic lights at Main/High and Main/Third streets but adding a new light at Main/Roys.

A third proposal deals with the confusing intersection called Five Points where five streets come together at one intersection: East Columbia Street, East Huron River Drive, South Street, Main Street and West Columbia Street. Community members are considering a roundabout there, but significant private property issues surround that proposal affecting the Mini Mart downtown. Fielder noted that 80 percent of this $1 million proposal would be funded with federal and county dollars, since the county owns four out of the five roads.

"It's strictly speculation at this point," said Fielder

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Remembering vets

Cornell and Charlotte Anton of Belleville place a flag on the grave of a Korean War veteran at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville on Nov. 2. Also assisting in the effort that morning are, left to right: Jeannie Smith of Belleville; Peggy Streight of South Lyon; and Carol Smith and Tammy Doane of Belleville. Volunteers from across metropolitan Detroit decorate veterans' graves at the cemetery each fall and spring.

Photos by Pam Fleming

Voters reject Van Buren public safety millages

The electorate in Van Buren Township voted against two millages that would have funded public safety facilities on the north and south sides of the township.

Unofficial election results from the Charter Township of Van Buren showed that 56.07 percent of ballots or 3,642 voters declined the public safety 3.4 mills operating millage.

This proposal would have authorized the township to levy up to 3.4 mills (or $3.40 for each $1,000 taxable value of property) to provide funds for fire protection, police and dispatch services for a period of five years, beginning in December. The existing millage is 3 mills.

Voters also declined a second millage proposal that would have authorized the township to levy up to 6/10 mill for land acquisition for public safety facilities.

The race for the 34th District court judgeship was too close to call at press time.

Election workers in Romulus still had 800 absentee ballots to count as of 10 p.m. and they were still counting them when *The Enterprise* and *Roman* went to print.

At about 1 a.m. Wednesday morning David Glaab trailed David Parrot by about 190 votes.

Mapping system could help Romulus in future

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Romulus City Council members approved an intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County Nov. 4 for access to the Geographic Information System (GIS), a computer system capable of assembling, storing, manipulating and displaying data according to location, including operating personnel.

David Paul, director of Romulus Department of Public Works (DPW), explained that once the base map is in place that the city will be able overlay onto this base map information about water mains, sewers, manhole locations, storm drains, fire hydrants and gatewell system information as well as any county information needed.

"Wayne County has taken aerial photographs of the entire county," he said.

"The photographs have been downloaded onto a computer. We want to be able to put our infrastructure on a computer and be able to have it overlay these aerial maps," Paul said.

"The planning department will be able to use it when talking to future developers, and it could be useful to the city assessor and the building department, too."

"It's pretty high tech, but it's important to the DPW for location of our infrastructure," Paul noted.

The Michigan Geographic Framework (MGF) base map consists of a common road centerline map used by federal, state, county and local governments and agencies. The base map information comes from the federal government, the State of Michigan, and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

There is no cost to the city to obtain the parcel base map, parcel numbers, street names, aerial photography and other elements of the GIS.

Romulus mayor, council play information game

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert drafted a letter to the city council Oct. 31 requesting copies of "any and all requests" for information from members of the council.

"The most common misperception that has arisen from my relatively simple request is that this office is attempting to hinder, or worse, stop council members from receiving information they deem necessary to perform their elected duties. This couldn't be farther from the truth," Lambert said in the letter.

Lambert said his letter was prompted by requests from the members of the council.

"I'm told we get several calls a day from council members requesting information. The point is that I need to know what type of information they're giving out. The only thing that's changed is that I am asking that the department or person requesting the information give me a copy of the request."

Lambert said in the letter that he is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the city. "And, not unlike the CEO of a company, he or she must create and maintain scales of efficiencies and performance-driven protocols to successfully move the business of the city for-

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Freedom Swings

Group collecting funds to help orphans in Russia

Jerri Mach
Staff Writer

Colleen Moriarty

As the mother of six children, Colleen Moriarty is rarely bored and has no shortage of ways to fill her time at home. But even with the massive responsibilities of a full-time mom, she has found time to help orphaned children on the other side of the globe.

Moriarty is part of a group known as Freedom Swings that provides funds to build playgrounds in Russian orphanages.

"I never expected this project to be as big as it is," she said. "Nor did I expect to be as involved as I am."

According to Moriarty, her desire to help orphaned children began when she and her husband adopted twins from a Russian orphanage in 1999. The Moriartys have four biological children ranging in age from 17 to 6 years of age.

"We love children and we have a lot of love to give in this family," said Moriarty. "So, when we wanted to once again add to our family we decided that we wanted to help children elsewhere in the world that may never have the chance to know what a family is."

In 1999, with her husband, her two eldest daughters and grandparents in tow, the family set off to meet the two newest members. When they arrived in Russia they found the malnourished children living in a crowded orphanage.

"They were 23 months old when we adopted them and they each only weighed between 13 and 14 pounds," she said. "As we looked around we realized that our four children had more toys at home than the 125 children living in the orphanage."

According to Moriarty, the children were malnourished because the orphanage had actually run out of food.

"The workers, who only make $35 a month, were buying food out of their own pockets to help care for these children," said Moriarty.

While workers may have been forced to neglect the physical needs of the children in their care, they were certain not to ignore the emotional needs, said Moriarty.

"If a child cried it was picked up immediately," she said. "They had play time and class time and did everything they could to make these children feel loved."

When the Moriarty family returned home they vowed to do something to help the situation in Russia. In the past three years the family, with the help of other adoptive families and the community have sent 2,000 boxes of clothing and toys to the orphanage.

"We wanted to do more," said Moriarty. "We wanted to do something that would last."

That is when they decided to collect funds to build three playgrounds.

"There were absolutely no playgrounds in this area," she said. "These playgrounds will provide the children with a lasting reminder that people around the world do care about them."

Currently, $55,000 has been collected for the playgrounds but the end goal is $72,000 that needs to be in place by January, said Moriarty.

"We have to have the money by January so that we can ship the playground equipment," she said. "Then in July, we will go to Russia and build the playgrounds."

In an ongoing attempt to generate more funding, Freedom Swings will host a Home Party Extravaganza from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Calvary Baptist Church located on Joy Road between Lilley and Morton Taylor roads in Canton. Home party representatives such as Tupperware, PartyLite Candles, Pampered Chef, Discovery toys and many other organizations will have merchandise on hand and all proceeds will be donated to Freedom Swings.

"This is a really great event and an incredible way to help out the children," said Moriarty.

For more information on the project or donation procedures visit the website at www.Freedom-swing.org.

Westland students play host to Courville Concert Choir

Scott Spielman
Editor

The children at Elliott Elementary School in Westland had a first hand opportunity to see how children can be ambassadors of goodwill.

They played host last week to a special concert of the renowned Courville Concert Choir, which is made up of boys and girls from various elementary, middle and high schools in the Detroit Public Schools.

Johnnye Summerville, principal at Elliott, said the concert captivated staff and students alike.

The choir was formed 20 years ago and has toured the U.S. for the past 10 years, according to Willard J. Hines, director of the choir. They've performed from Boston to Los Angeles and from Canada to Mexico, he said. They've also joined the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in 1996, and sang alongside Donnie Osmond and were featured on Oleta Adams' CD 'Moving ON, and *Let There be Peace*, a video and CD put together by former Detroit Police Chief Isiah McKinnon.

"The choir has helped to improve the image of inner city children as well as the City of Detroit," Hines said.

Students at Elliott had a chance to sing along with the famous group, according to Summerville.

Several students performed renditions of *Reach Out and Touch*, and some staff members got into the act, too, she said.

"It was a great chance for children to see children serve as ambassadors of goodwill," Summerville said.

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Billy McCraight, president of the Romulus School District Board of Education, recently announced his retirement, effective Jan. 10, 2003. McCraight presents his wife, Leota, a former Romulus teacher, with a special plaque, at her recent retirement party.

President of the Romulus school board to resign

Billy McCraight, president of the Romulus School District Board of Education, recently resigned, effective Jan. 10, 2003.

McCraight has been a member of the board for three and a half years, serving in the offices of secretary, treasurer, vice president and president. McCraight was also active on the personnel and technology committees.

"Billy was one of our most dedicated board members who also brought a welcome sense of humor with him to meetings and functions," said Joel R. Carr, superintendent of Romulus schools. "People really enjoyed working with Billy, and his humor often brought things into perspective for the board," he said.

McCraight and his wife, Leota, who recently retired as a teacher from the Romulus schools, plan to travel throughout the south during the winter season.

Traffic - Belleville group wants changes in downtown

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about the Five Points proposal. "We're going to look at alternative ways to do it. Residential roads could also be used as bypasses around Five Points," he said.

Discussion also revolved around the need for a left-turn signal at Liberty Street and Belleville road as traffic first comes into downtown Belleville. Currently, only about two or three cars can turn left at this intersection on a green light. Making it easier to turn left onto Liberty would encourage shoppers to park behind businesses instead of along Main Street, according to the group.

The group also talked about the need for better signage directing shoppers to lots behind downtown businesses. "I have people who come into my business regularly that don't know I have parking behind my building," said Benson of Stencils & More.

To further control traffic, the city may place "no parking" signs on Main Street from Denton to High streets from 3 to 7 p.m. weekdays. Other suggestions were to add three-lane striping on Main Street with a center left-turn lane and to limit left turns across traffic, with no left turn allowed from Main Street onto Fifth Street from 3 to 7 p.m. weekdays.

"Tm in Milan all the time, and the left turn lanes work well there. It keeps the traffic flowing," said Windiate of Mike's Hardware. Members also talked about using alleys for improved access to parking lots behind businesses.

Concerning pedestrian traffic, the city's engineering firm, Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, Inc., of Ann Arbor, performed a study in Oct. 1999, "Toward a More Walkable Downtown Belleville," that suggested bump outs at intersections to define parking lanes and reduce pedestrian crossing distance.

The firm also proposed a traffic island on Main Street between Roys and Fourth streets that would slow traffic by providing a visual object to drivers and a safety zone for pedestrians in the middle of the street. "This is an expensive project, however," Fielder said, noting that the cost would be about $35,000 for the proposed crossing.

"Some communities have adopted a revolving fund to develop their downtown. We don't have a fund now, but we're looking at money from the city that could be loaned to businesses to be used for storefront enhancements," Fielder said.

Fielder said that recent traffic counts have determined that approximately 28,000 vehicles a day cross the bridge over Belleville Lake into the city.

Letter - Mayor wants all requests

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ward. This success is often dependent upon the management of information," he said.

The mayor said his office is not in the business of "editing, withholding or hiding such information," and that such actions would be "illegal, unconstitutional and, as we are a nation, state and city of, by and form the people, such actions would fly in the face of all that is ethical and moral."

Council member Bill Crova declined to comment on the mayor's letter. Other council members could not be reached for comment.

Lambert said all members of the council would receive any information requested by any single member of the council. "We believe this to be a good and fair business practice," he wrote.

Platters to appear at Belleville benefit

Pam Fleming
Staff Writer

The Platters musical group will return to Belleville at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9 for a fundraiser benefiting the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Belleville High School T.E.C. Club, a video production group.

The concert will be in the Belleville High School auditorium.

Tickets, available at the Belleville Chamber office on Main Street, are $20, with reserved seating. The chamber is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the Belleville High School auditorium ticket office will be open at 2 p.m. on the day of the concert. To reserve tickets by phone, call 734-697-7151.

The Platters' lead singer Myles Savage, who just moved to northwest Detroit from New York City about a year ago, said, "I was so happy that Belleville wanted The Platters back. We had a nice crowd last year, and they treat us like kings and queens."

Members of the Belleville High School T.E.C. Club will actually run the production, under the direction of Jody Ihlenfeldt, auditorium manager. Martha Brown serves as club president.

Randy Brown, past president of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, said that The Platters were impressed with the students' professionalism during the benefit last year.

"The kids really get into it, and the performers meet each kid after the show. It's a good performance for the city, too, because it brings so many people downtown," Brown said.

Savage said that the students were great last year, and that he was surprised how popular The Platters have become with Belleville High School students. "I didn't have any idea that there were so many teenagers who liked our music. We're cultivating a new audience here—the next generation of listeners," he said.

He noted that The Platters will perform a new song, "Give Me Your Tenderness," at the Nov. 9 concert. The single CD won't even be released until next March, with the next recording of the tune scheduled for next summer. "This is a wonderful, commercial song that bridges the sound of The Platters from the days of old to today," Savage said. It's the group's first recording since 1967.

The Platters will also perform another new song, "April Fooled Me Again," a tune about a woman named April. Savage explained that he recently heard the music in his dreams, as he does many of his creations.

"I hear both music and lyrics in my dreams. I hear symphonies and even see movies. It's a wonderful gift I have," Savage explained. "It's quite amazing."

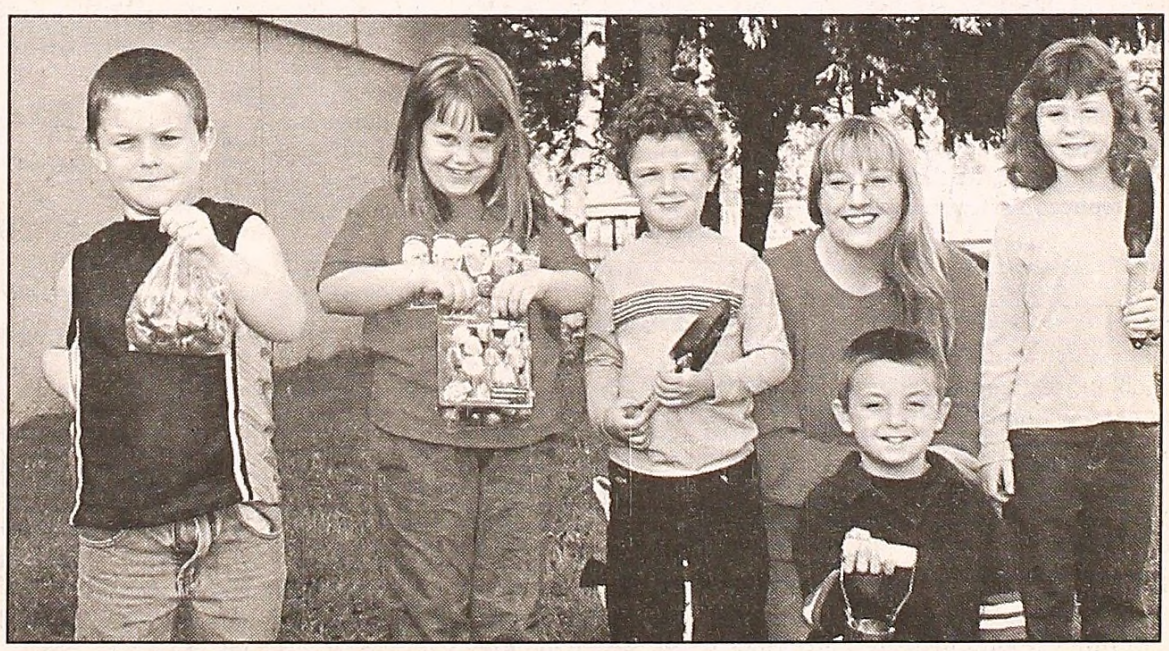
Savage shared that he has heard music from such artists as Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Cole Porter, Billie Holliday and George Gershwin.

"Everyone has a gift of some sort, and this is mine," he said. "It expands my cultural horizons as well as my spiritual ones. I feel like an active part of the cosmos."

A native of Chicago, Savage moved to Detroit in the early 1960s.

He graduated from the University of Michigan, where he studied music along with television amd radio production. After graduation, he worked as a television director at WTVS-Channel 56 in Detroit.

Other members of Myles Savage's platters include James Parks, who sings bass; Damon Shawn, second tenor; and Annette McCoy, lead singer.



Sowing the seeds

Students from Barth Elementary in Romulus recently planted tulip bulbs around the school, focusing on areas in front of the new school windows. The bottoms of the new windows are even with a berm that comes up against the school building. Assisting in the planting project were, left to right: Jacob Randall, Shianne Wendlap, Sean Wilkerson, Devin Nehila, Madison Tyree and teacher Lori Russell.

Economist to speak at next Romulus chamber luncheon

Scott Spielman
Editor

David L. Littmann, senior vice president and chief economist at Comerica Bank, is scheduled to give a talk titled, "2003: Economically Solid, Politically Reckless," at the Nov. 19 luncheon meeting of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon is open to the public and will take place at noon at the Romulus Marriott Hotel, 30559 Flynn Drive, in Romulus. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

Reservations are required and can be made through the chamber office at 734-326-4290. Reservations will be taken until noon on Nov. 15. Lunch is $13 for chamber members and $15 for non-members.

Littmann heads the Comerica Bank Economics Department and Research Library. He authored the business brochure, Economic Briefs, for the bank and he has developed a variety of business activity indexes for many regional economies and a tourism index for the State of Michigan. He compiles and reports monthly results of the Southeast Michigan survey of the Purchasing Management Association of Detroit. Under his direction, the Comerica Economics Department prepares the GDP and interest rate forecasts published in The Wall Street Journal and prestigious Blue Chip Economic and Financial Forecast service.

Littmann is the author of several research articles on the causes of inflation published in Business Economics, the professional journal of the National Association of Business Economists. A contributor to many business and trade journals, he also is a book reviewer or oped writer for The Detroit News, The Wall Street Journal, Investor's Business Daily, and Ideas on Liberty magazine.

He recently served as chair of the Economic Advisory Committee of the American Bankers Association in Washington and is past president of the Detroit Association of Business Economists.

Happy Halloween

Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert hosted the annual Mayor's Halloween Party Oct. 26 at Progressive Hall in Romulus. Partying with local residents are, from left: Mike Hachigian of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, an engineering firm in Livonia, dressed as Zorro; John Thiede, Romulus firefighter, dressed as character Austin Powers, international man of mystery; Linda Choate, Romulus city clerk and council member Debbie Romak. Photo by Pam Fleming

Domestic dispute ends in arrest

Jerri Mach
Staff Writer

A Canton Township woman faces charges of felonious assault with a motor vehicle after she allegedly rammed her vehicle into her husband's car last Tuesday night.

According to police, the 35-year-old suspect witnessed her husband leaving their apartment just before midnight on Tuesday. The man got into his car and attempted to leave the apartment complex when the suspect drove her minivan into the path of his vehicle, said Sgt. Todd Mutchler.

"The suspect then got out of her car and attempted to get into the victim's vehicle through the passenger door," said Mutchler.

"When that failed, she got back into her car and smashed it into her husband's car."

According to police, the victim fled the scene and was pursued for a short distance by the suspect. The suspect's car ran out of gas before she could catch up to the victim, said Mutchler.

Canton police later arrested the subject at a Plymouth Township restaurant.

No one was injured during this incident but both of the cars sustained minor damage, Mutchler said.

According to Mutchler, the suspect will also face a charge of domestic violence and reckless driving. The domestic violence charge carries a penalty of 93 days in jail or a $500 fine. The reckless driving charge is punishable by 90 days in jail or a $100 fine.

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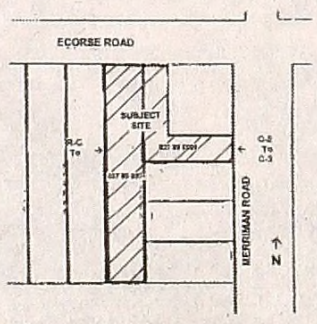
Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2002, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to amend the zoning of parcel **82-80-037-99-0009-000** (.42 acres) from C-2, General Business District to C-3, Highway Service District and parcel **82-80-037-99-0007-000** (.82 acres) from RC, Regional Center District to C-3, Highway Service District. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, November 26, 2002 and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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This time of year deer pose a greater risk to drivers.
Following these suggestions can help reduce deer-related auto accidents:

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Obituaries

HARRISON, (Nee LADA) Gabrielle M.

Gabrielle M. Harrison, 59, died Sept. 28 in Phoenix, AZ.

Among her survivors are her husband Thomas; her parents, former Wayne Mayor Paul and Simonne Lada; a brother, Stephen (Karen); sisters Simonne M. Brzesik (Richard), Patricia, Mary, Ester Colton (Daniel), Elizabeth Gazdag (Randy), and Jeanne Platt (Jamie).

A memorial service is planned for 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 at St. Mary Church on Michigan Avenue in Wayne. Father John Baker will officiate.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

DELLA, Nancy F.

Nancy F. Della, 68, of Canton Township died Oct. 27 in Royal Oak.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Della was a teacher in Philadelphia before obtaining her Registered Nurse certification. She was also a real estate associate.

Among her survivors are her husband, Alfredo Della of Canton; her children Jennifer (Ray) Silerio, Wilfred (Marianne) Della; Sheila (John) Dankert; a sister, Esther Tomek; a brother, Ernesto Fagyan, and five grandchildren.

Services were at St. John Episcopal Church where Mrs. Della was a member. She served in the Altar Guild, the Women's Quilting Club and the church choir.

The Rev. Arthur R. Mack officiated. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

BOWER, Frances V.

Frances V. Bower, 96, formerly of Canton Township and Westland died Oct. 18.

Among her survivors are her sons Eugene Bower, Donald Bower, Jr; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bower was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Bower, and a son, Lawrence Bower.

Funeral services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating.

Interment was at Royal Palm Memorial Gardens in Punta Gorda, FL.

WELCH, David J.

David J. Welch, 44, of Romulus died Oct. 1 at home.

Among his survivors are his parents, Ernest and Hester (Hagger) Welch of Romulus; three daughters, Shanna Swisher of Taylor, Brandie Hall of Romulus and Mandie Grishaber of Romulus; a brother, Eugene Welch of Romulus; two sisters, Lucille (Glen) Hensley of Cookeville, TN and Rosalie (Dave) Hays of Tecumseh; four grandchildren, Cayce Swisher, Dora Swisher, Clerra Pierce and River Grishaber.

Funeral services were at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Pastor Timothy A. Ammon of Hope Baptist Church in Romulus officiating.

Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

BURNETTE, Joseph, D.

Joseph D. Burnette, 47, of Romulus died Oct. 30.

Among his survivors are his brothers, Andrew Bledsoe of Wayne and Michael Bledsoe of Inkster; sisters Shar'on Geleide of AZ., Andrea (Elliot) Crews of Newport; two nieces and nephews, and a friend, Terry Stamper.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Pastor Robert White of Grace Baptist Church officiating.

WARREN, Linda F.

Linda F. Warren, 59, of Wayne died Oct. 29 at Garden City Hospital.

A homemaker, Mrs. Warren is survived by her children Edward (Kendra) Coogan and Kim Warren; a sister, Marie Smith; grandsons, Joey Warren and Kyle May and her former husband, Donald Warren.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Chittock officiating. Interment was in Waynick Cemetery in VanLeer, TN.

BYRD, Mary Lee

Mary Lee Byrd, 73, of Belleville died Oct. 30.

Among her survivors is her husband, Oliver A. Byrd of Belleville; her daughters, Sylvia J. (David) Shahan of Ann Arbor and Cheryl A. (James) Beck also of Ann Arbor; sisters, Zelma Payne of Windchester, KY, Aretta (William) Sears of Coalgood, KY and Rose (John) Gibbons of Lexington, KY; four grandchildren, and two-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. John Vaprezsan of Metro Baptist Church.

Interment was in Romulus Cemetery.

SPRAU, Michael L.

Michael L. Sprau, 55, formerly of Belleville, died Oct. 31 at Fayette Community Hospital in Fayetteville, GA.

Among his survivors are his children Michael L. (Linda) Praus, Jr. of Ann Arbor and Brian Sprau of Willis; a brother, Skip (Mary) Sprau of Taylor; several nieces and nephews, and two grandchildren.

A veteran, Mr. Sprau served in the U.S. Navy.

Services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

KOTLARCZYK, Anna D.

Anna D. Kotlarczyk, 93, of Ann Arbor died Nov. 2.

Among her survivors are her children Steve (Jo Ann) Kotlarczyk of Merritt Island FL and Nancy A. (William) Dibble of Scottsdale, AZ; sisters, Stella Plonka of Dearborn and Helen (Henry) Bies of Belleville; four grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park.

KELLAS, Dorothy

Dorothy R. Kellas, 94, of Ypsilanti, died Nov. 1 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Among her survivors are her children, James H. Kellas of Colorado Springs, CO, George A. (Judi) Kellas of Lawrence, KS, Florence M. (Thomas) Satterlee of Westland and Annie M. Kellas of Belleville; a cousin Esta-Helen Martin of Boston, MA; a nephew Robert (Betty) Rowe of CA; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson, and special friends the Alexander Willox family of Westland.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Rabbi Robert Doubrusin officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

LINSKE, James L.

James L. Linske, 32, of Brighton, died Nov. 3 following an automobile accident.

In addition to his wife, Melinda Green Linske, he is survived by his father, Kenneth Linske of Atlantis, MI; a brother, Jeff (Lisa) Linske of Wolverine Lake, MI; parents-in-law, Ben and Jane Green of Fenton; a brother-in-law, Ben (Kim) Green of Brighton; a sister-in-law, Tiffany (Jhan) Graether of Monterey, Mexico; a nephew, Benjamin Green; a niece Kaya Green, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service is planned for 4:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Keehn Funeral Home in Brighton.

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Birth Announcements

KAIRA CUNNINGHAM

David Cunningham and Cady Monroe of Wayne became the parents of a daughter, Kaira Cunningham born Aug. 29 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

The new arrival weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces at birth and measured 18 ½ inches in length.

Grandparents of the infant are John and Jean Monroe of Wayne and Max and Lisa Cunningham of Dearborn.

This is the first child for the couple.

JOSIE RYAN BLACK

Leon and Brooke Black of Canton Township became the parents of a daughter, Josie Ryan Black, born Oct. 21, 2002.

The new arrival weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces at birth and measured 21 inches in length.

Grandparents of the infant are Daniel and Nancy Martin of Plymouth and Bruce and Sharon Black of Canton Township.

This is the first child for the couple.

MADELINE BLAIN PERCY-SCHEFFER

Lawrence and Christina Percy Scheffer of Westland became the parents of a girl, Madeline Blair, born Sept. 13 at Garden City Hospital.

The new arrival weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents of the baby are Larry Scheffer of Kaldaks and Susan Scheffer of Belleville and Gary and Bev Percy of Canton Township.

The infant joins brothers Nathan, 7 and Austin, 3.

JADEN RENEE HISTER

Gregory Jr. and Michelle Hister of Redford became the parents of a daughter, Jaden Renee, born Sept. 17 at Garden City Hospital.

The baby weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

The new arrival is the granddaughter of Patrick and Debra Stratz of Livonia and Gregory Hister Sr. and Tonya Hister of Westland.

The baby will join three siblings, Stephani Wood, 9, Frandon Kalep, 3, and Avari, 2.

ALEXZANDER WILLIAM GREER

Jon Greer and Nicole Tidwell of Westland became the parents of a son, Alexzander William, born Sept. 18 at Garden City Hospital.

The infant weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces at birth and measured 21 inches in length.

Grandparents of the new arrival include Bill and Martha Greer of Canden, TN and Jim and Beverly McCarson of Garden City.

The baby will join a brother, Alan Thomason, 5, and KaileeAnn Wallace, 2.

GAGE CHRISTOPHER LITTLE

Gage Christopher Little was born to parents Leslie Hughes and Christopher Little of Wayne Sept. 18 at Garden City Hospital.

The baby boy weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces at birth and measured 22 inches in length.

His grandparents include Christopher Little of Wayne, Leslie Hughes of Wayne, Bob and Faye Hughes of Wayne and Jim and Maryanne Little, also of Wayne.

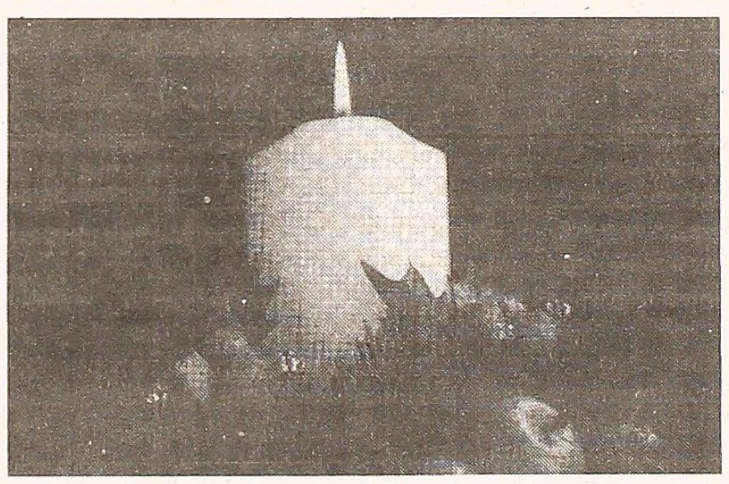
He will join Alyssa, 9, James, 6 and Riley, 2.

HAILEY ANN MILLER

Hailey Ann Miller was born Sept. 22 at Garden City Hospital to parents Scott Allen and Karen Lee Miller of Westland. The new arrival weighed in at 4 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Among her grandparents are Mike and Connie Russell of Westland and Jeff and Kim Miller, also of Westland.

She will join a brother, Jordan, 3.



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Opinion

Money well spent

Westland City Council members haven't decided what to do with the pavement management study they received last week, but they don't need to make that decision to know it was a good deal for the city.

It's easy to raise eyebrows over the price tag, which exceeded $150,000. It may be tempting for residents to look at the cost of the study in terms of the types of road projects it would have funded; $150,000 would fill a lot of potholes and patch quite a few cracks.

What the city council and the city staff has now, though, is more important that the funding for some short-term road improvements. They now have the equivalent of a Bible for all upcoming road projects, an outside source telling them the best way to prioritize them, and the seeds of a long-term plan to keep the roads in good shape. It's an expenditure that goes beyond the one-time purchase price and it will eventually allow the city to save money on road projects.

The next step is the tricky one for the council members. They probably know the city doesn't have enough money to make the pavement management plan happen. They can nickel and dime the suggested projects every year with funds from the general fund and the road fund, but that's a worst-case scenario that, if followed, eventually won't serve the city very well.

The only option is to go for a millage, although it's not a step the council would or should take lightly. Council members may not even admit it right away, deferring the decision until more discussion and debate takes place. It's not a question of believing it may be necessary, it's a question of deciding how much is necessary, what would be too much and how to get the information to voters, who would need to approve it.

It's a tricky proposition, especially in a municipality that has soundly defeated several millage requests recently.

Council members have already taken the right approach to getting a plan voters will sign off on, and that's by getting a plan for themselves. Information is the key to any successful millage request, as any elected official can attest.

In the newspaper business, we tend to be quick to criticize elected officials for not solving problems or being too short sighted. It only makes sense then to point out when they're being proactive and looking to solve future problems.

The study may have been expensive, but the end results are worth it.

At the heart of the matter

The sight that greeted Northville Township officials in front of Northville High School on Oct. 22 represented the ultimate nightmare for elected officials, students, teachers, staff members and parents.

Seeing a gravely injured teenager is something that no one can truly prepare for, nor is it a scene that is easily wiped from memory.

As hard as it is to deal with scenes like that traffic accident and the immediate aftermath, it's even more difficult to deal with the long-term after effects of a situation that has caught the attention – and the heart – of the community. Our elected officials, whether they serve on the Northville Public School board or on the Northville Township Board of Trustees as well as some staff members at those municipalities are faced with yet another unenviable task. They are charged with taking the emotion out of an emotional issue and developing sound public policy. It's not an easy thing to do in the best of circumstances. It often makes politicians look like automatons even though these are regular people with children like the rest of us.

The reaction to the accident was understandably immediate and

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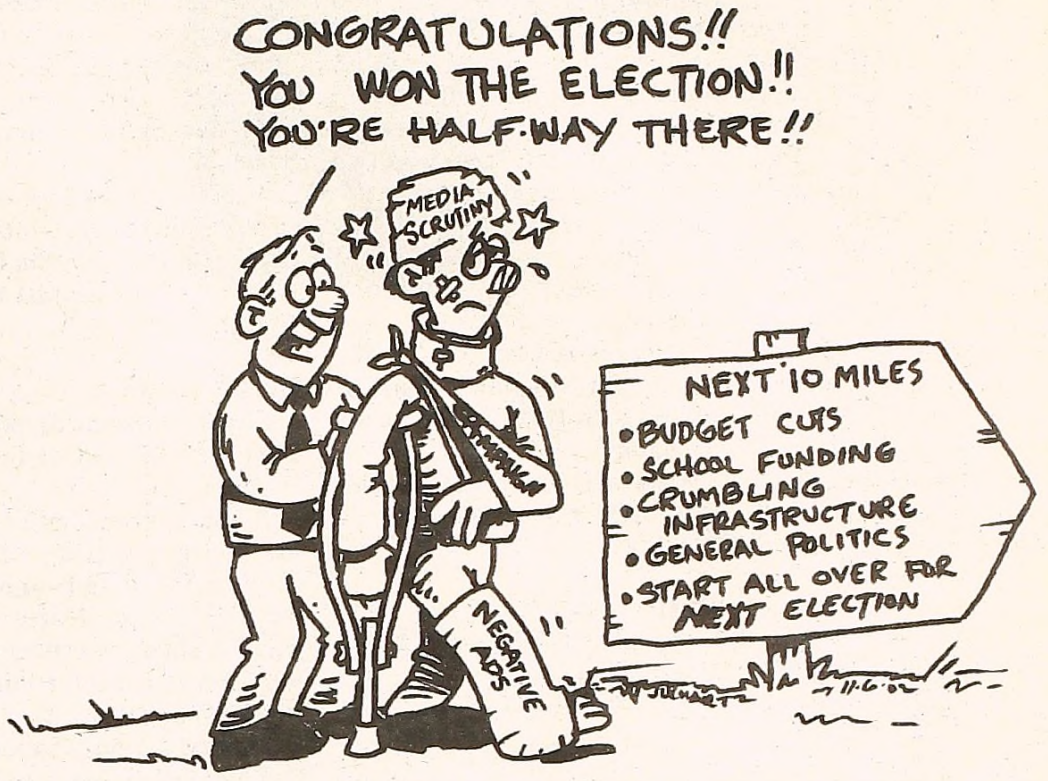
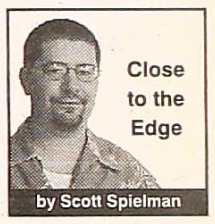


Political mystery remains unsolved



By the time this paper hits the streets, another election season will be officially over. Well, barring any unforeseen, Floridian-type circumstances, anyway.

That means that another election season has passed me by, and I'm still no closer to understanding the intricacies of election lawn sign philosophy.

First of all, I guess it's a misnomer to refer to them as lawn signs even though by most statues that's where they belong, not on public rights of way where they always turn up.

The placement of signs has always baffled me. I know, it's an irresistible temptation for politicians and their volunteer campaign workers to place them on vacant plots of land. It's easy. There's no door to knock on or homeowner to risk rejection from. All you need is a break in traffic.

But I don't understand why that means more than one sign needs to be illegally planted. Surely, one is enough. What does it serve to have 11 signs from a single candidate a foot away from each other on a single stretch of land? Maybe these politicians are showing that they not only don't care about the proper placement of signs, but they feel the need to flaunt that indifference, as if that brazen disrespect for the types of laws they'll eventually make and enforce would give us reason to check their name on the ballot.

The very placement of these signs can be a subtle form of support or a lack of support, too. Lately, I've been thinking that the signs tell more about the people that live or work where they're posted than they do about the actual candidates themselves.

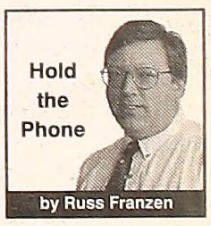
There's a strip shopping mall in Westland, for example, that has so many signs for Laura Toy, who's running for State Senate, that it looks more like a prank – or a wildly elaborate political croquet course – than a show of support.

What is the landowner saying here? Do they think placing two dozen signs on their berm is the only way to keep the attention of drivers? Or are they so dedicated to their cause that they feel the need to frantically support their candidate?

At the other end of the spectrum are people who want to support candidates, but for some reason don't want the general public to know they're supporting them. There's a classic example of this in Old Village in Plymouth, and probably in several other locations throughout the community, too. Signs for John Stewart, an incumbent seeking reelection to the State House of Representatives in the 20th District and Karen Woodside, who is running for the newly created judgeship in the 35th District Court, are right on the property line, so passersby can't tell if they are supported by either that landowner or his or her neighbor.

There could be two reasons for this, either they don't want to be associated with the candidate, or the candidates don't want to be associated with them. Why then, I wonder, do they put up a sign at all?

According to my crystal ball



I never thought I would say this, but another election is over and good riddance to it.

By now, we all know that Ed McNamara's Last Hurrah will accept her Best Actress award on the steps of the state capitol in January. The same old cast of characters is leaving town, without tar and feathers, and heading back to Washington. In Lansing, a joyful voice will again sing from the House floor while term-limited Honorables crank out new, poorly thought out, feel-good laws to drop on our laps before they are forced to return to real work.

Gee, I sound cynical. I wonder why? Could it be that the game of politics is finally getting to me?

Part of it, I know, is that I am tired of Democrats accusing Republicans of numerous acts of treachery and skullduggery when they are the most blatant perpetrators of such deeds. Consider, as a case in point, the "Last Candidate in America To Run A Positive Campaign," Butch Hollowell. I guess that, to him, being "positive" means making snarky comments about your opponent who, by the way, never even mentioned having an opponent in her ads. Terri Lynn Land's ads were about issues. Hollowell's ads whined about her family's money and referred to Republicans as "spooky people." I do not mind political name-calling. It is part of politics. What I find offensive is, in a political sense, passing gas and blaming the faithful family dog.

What bothers me equally as much is the Republicans' penchant for campaigning with a "Kick Me" sign plastered to their backs. There are exceptions, of course. We elect people like John Engler and Candice Miller because they walk with a swagger and a chip on their shoulders forged from their core beliefs. We elect them because we know they will not let a Democrat kick sand in their faces without fighting back. Dick Posthumus is a nice man and an able politician, but he is now clearing out his office and pouring sand out of his pockets.

And please do not get me started on the effect that the complicity of my news media brethren has on making me feel this way. The best example I can

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Sometimes we need a stranger's kindness

Each morning from my living room window I get to watch the school children as they wait for the big yellow bus to arrive and carry them off to another day at school.

As I sit enjoying my bowl of cereal and I love to watch the kids as they race back and forth, or as they huddle together sharing all-important secrets.

Yet, just last winter I was faced with a confusing situation. It was late in the afternoon and the school bus had dropped the children off from their long day at the office. It was a sloppy, chilly day with a biting winter wind and fat wet snowflakes that were sticking to everything. Two of the children that often stay in a home across the street were apparently locked out of the house. With hoods up and scarves wrapped around their little faces, they sat waiting for whichever adult it was that was supposed to claim them. As I went about my business I kept my eye on them. They sat waiting and at least 15 minutes went by without a car in sight.

My gut instinct was to open my door and offer them a warm and dry place to wait for their guardian. Then the more I thought about it I realized that in the world of today, that might not be such a good idea.

Realizing the safest bet was to continue to keep an eye on them and not approach them, I waited and soon enough their ride arrived and the children were whisked off to warmer places.

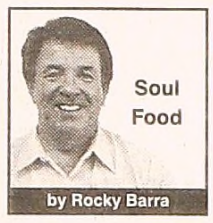
That experience left me wishing there was something more I could do. And maybe, now there is. The City of Inkster is working to launch a new neighborhood eyes and ears program. This program uses volunteer residents who provide their homes for children who feel they may be in danger.

A large sign is placed in the trained resident's window to let children know that this is a safe place to go if they feel they are being followed by a stranger or being harassed.

The program has been met with great success across the state of Michigan and I think it will be welcome asset in the City of Inkster. While this community has not been rocked by child abductions, I think it is a very smart choice to put a program like this in place before something bad does happen.

It is sad that we live in times when children can no longer trust the kindness of a stranger or that the stranger has to worry about the consequences of offering help to a child. I think with programs such as this maybe we can work on creating communities where children, families and neighbors can create strong, positive working relationships.

Back to black and white



You could hardly see for all the snow,
Spread the rabbit ears as far as they go.
Pull up a chair to the TV set,
"Good night, David; Good night, Chet."

Dependin' on the channel you tuned
You got Rob and Laura, or Ward and June.
It felt so good, felt so right,
Life looked better in black and white.

I Love Lucy, The Real McCoys,
Dennis the Menace, the Cleaver boys,
Rawhide, Gunsmoke, Wagon Train,
Superman, Jimmy, and Lois Lane.

Father Knows Best, Patty Duke,
Rin Tin Tin and Lassie, too.
Donna Reed on Thursday night –
Life looked better in black and white.

I wanna go back to black and white –
Where everything always turned out right…
Simple people, simple lives,
Good guys always won the fights.

Now, nothing is the way it seems
In living color on the TV screen.
Too many murders, too much fight,
I wanna go back to black and white.

In God they trusted, in their homes they slept,
A promise made was a
promise kept.
They never cussed or broke
their vows –
It'd never make the networks now.

But if I could, I'd rather be
In a TV town in '53.
It felt so good, it felt so right,
Life looked better in black and white.

I'd trade all the channels on the satellite
If I could just turn back the clock tonight
To when everybody knew wrong from right…..
Life was better in black and white!

The above was sent to me in an email and although I'm not one to pine for the "good old days," a cursory journey with the remote does tend to leave one longing for something different. Hey, I'm a channel surfer boy and when I watch TV (which seems to be less and less these days —— other than when the Red Wings play) I flip through the channels looking for something worthwhile to watch. It is getting more and more difficult.

I've always wondered if television helps to set the morals and culture of life — or if it reflects our culture. Either way, there is something to be said about the "Black and white days" of yore! As a wise man once said, "Something's wrong with this picture!"

Crystal ball

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cite of the media's ineptitude or bias (you choose) is the infamous Detroit Memo.

The memo emerged from the office of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. It contained a laundry list of things Kilpatrick wanted in exchange for delivering Detroit votes. For giving that information to voters, Posthumus was accused of "race baiting" and "playing the race card." I understand that Democrats must use those code words to inflame their constituency. But the news media? A television station broke that story. It was not reported outside of Grand Rapids until Posthumus took it to the campaign trail. Why not? And why, instead of holding Granholm's feet to the fire, did they offer her a foot warmer and attack the messenger? Overall, it was an outrageous media performance.

I wish reporters would apply the Richard Nixon test to every political deed they report on, not just the deeds committed by conservatives. The Nixon test is a simple tool to curb potential bias. Reporters, when a politician of either party says or does something a little out of the ordinary, should ask themselves "How would I react if Richard Nixon did this?" Reportorial bias would end.

There are other reasons for my current cynicism, not the least of which is a lack of substantive political discussions with my best friend, an unrepentant New York Liberal. Yet, I am confident that my inner fire will return. It will probably coincide with Governor Granholm's announcement, about six months from now, that the economy is in such poor shape that there is no choice but to increase taxes.

Suddenly, I feel 20 years younger.

Safety

FROM PAGE 6

emotional. Parents and concerned residents flooded township hall and the school administration office with phone calls: some merely reiterating their concerns and offering suggestions, others suggested the priorities of the district are a little skewed because they can pay to have a soccer field lighted, but not put up a traffic signal in front of a busy school attended by hundreds of inexperienced drivers.

The reality is that the district and the township have little control over the types of traffic control measures employed by Wayne County on its roads. It's all set by state statute. That may be an easy thing to say but a lot more difficult to tell a grief-stricken or concerned parent that the safety of their children may ultimately depend on something as impersonal as a traffic flow formula.

Township and school officials have done a remarkable job in quickly following up on the issue. The decision about what to do with that information has to be a combination of good practice and good politics and it probably won't appease everyone. It's a good thing that this decision will come not from automatons, but from regular people elected into office, most of whom have children of their own.

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Superintendent of Northville Schools Leonard Rezmierski, at left, and State School Superintendent Tom Watkins were on hand to present the State Presidential Award for Excellence to Hillside Middle School teacher Heidi Capraro. Hillside principal Jim Cracraft, far right, also offered congratulations to the educator, now eligible for a national teaching award. Photo by Heather Connor

Local teacher wins state education honor

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Northville sixth grade teacher Heidi Capraro was presented with the State Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics teaching Friday in front of students at Hillside Middle School.

Capraro is one of three finalists in the state with a chance at earning the award at a national level.

Hillside principal Jim Cracraft, Tom Watkins, state schools superintendent, and Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of the Northville Public Schools, were all on hand to present the award to Capraro.

"Heidi represents what's great about the Northville school district," Watkins, a Northville resident, said.

Rezmierski said Capraro is the fourth science and mathematics teacher in the district to win the honor in the last eight years.

Capraro said she appreciated the superintendents' being there to present the award and that it was presented to her in front of the students. She said the students are very excited about the award.

"I had no idea it was going to be so formal," Capraro said.

Dwight Sieggreen, a member of the Association of Presidential Awardees in Science Teaching (APAST) and colleague of Capraro's, presented to Capraro a t-shirt embellished with the Presidential Seal at the award ceremony. Sieggreen won the award at the national level in 1992.

Rezmierski said Capraro received notice earlier this year that she was a finalist for the award. The ceremony came from Watkins's insistence.

"He's made it a point to visit each of the finalists, personally," Rezmierski said.

Capraro said she is grateful for all the support she has received from Sieggreen and the rest of the staff. She said she applied for the award back in April to bring in more funding for the department, and praised the rest of the staff for their efforts to bring in money as well. Capraro's honor has already brought $750 in reward funding, and the national honor will award her with $7,500 to spend in the classroom.

"We have a really motivated and outstanding group of science teachers on staff," Capraro said.

Capraro's students had nothing but praises for her teaching skills.

"I think that Miss Capraro makes learning science fun," said Johanna Poterala, a Hillside student.

"Whenever we do an experiment she makes us understand it in a fun way," said student Eliza Wood.

Capraro will find out if she is the national winner in February or March. If so, Capraro will then be invited to the White House to meet the President.

"I think about it every day," Capraro said. "I'm very hopeful. It's not just about the money. Just to be invited to the White House would be an honor."

Bungling burglar stabbed

Jerri Mach
Staff Writer

A Canton Township resident woke to find two intruders in his home early Halloween morning.

According to police, the 21-year-old victim was asleep in his home, located on 8000 block of Honeycomb, when he heard strange noises coming from another room in his home.

The victim got out of bed to investigate and found one of two suspects standing in his living room near a television, said Sgt. Todd Mutchler. The suspect, Patrick Johnson, attempted to flee, but according to police a fight broke out and the resident stabbed the suspect with a kitchen knife.

The 20-year-old suspect fled the apartment and the victim was unharmed.

According to police, the suspect who was stabbed was later arrested while receiving medical treatment at Oakwood Medical Center in Canton.

The second suspect, a 20-year-old Canton man, was arrested later Thursday during a routine traffic stop.

The injured suspect suffered only minor wounds, said Mutchler.

Police believe the pair stole about $900 worth of electronic equipment.

Johnson was arraigned on Saturday in 35th District Court. According to Mutchler, Johnson was charged with home invasion in the first degree, which carries a penalty of 20 years in prison and/or a $5,000 fine.

The prosecutor's office will not press charges against the homeowner in the stabbing, said Mutchler.

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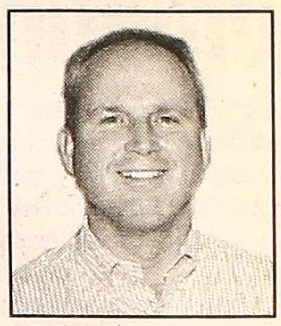

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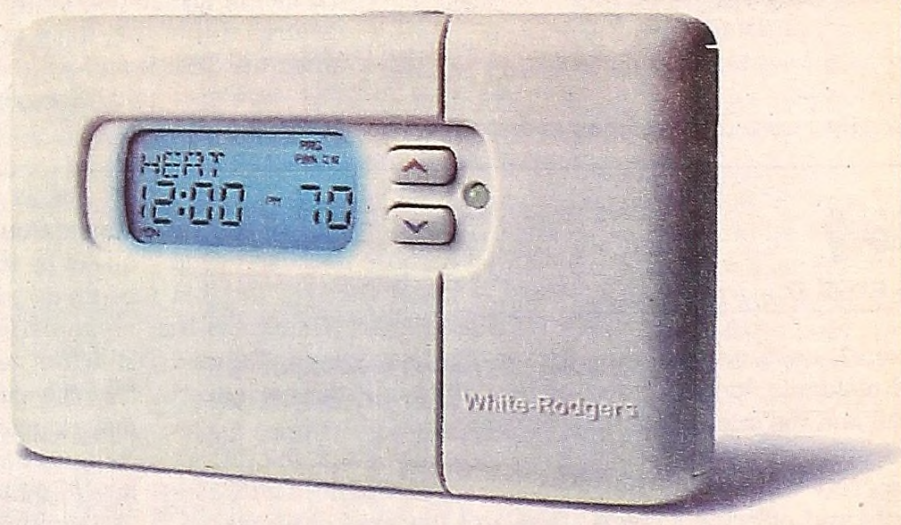

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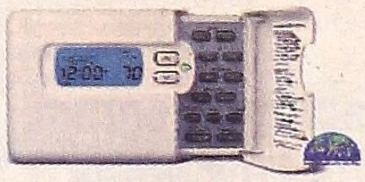

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Homes for the Holidays

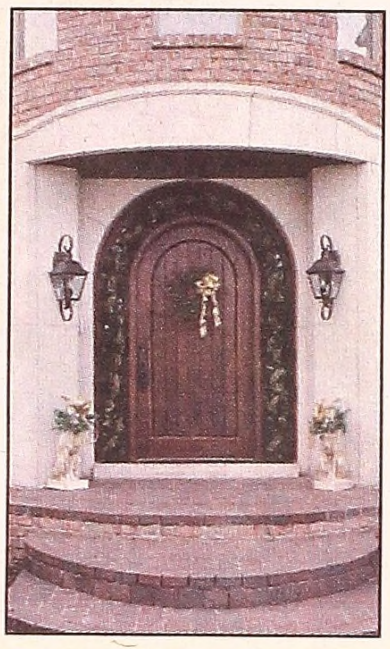
Above, the large foyer of one of the home tour houses is already decorated with garlands of holiday greenery, ribbon and lights and to welcome visitors. The home tour benefits the Northville Community Foundation. Left, visitors are welcomed to one of the five homes on the Northville Holiday Home Tour by this custom front door decorated in garland for the holiday season.

Story by Heather Connor
Photos by Lisa Hedger

Five homes in Northville are already bedecked with holiday finery in preparation for the Fifth Annual Holiday Home Tour.

The popular event is a benefit for the Northville Community Foundation and is sponsored this year by Bonnie Brook Homes and Republic Bank. The tour is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Nov. 15 and 16.

And while tickets, priced at $18 are still available at Changing Seasons, Traditions, Preferences, Stampeddler, Community Federal Credit Union and Gardenviews in Northville, the event traditionally sells out very quickly, according to Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation (NCF). In Livonia, tickets are available at Flowers from Joe's and in Plymouth at Jinae's, located at 298 S. Main. Tickets by credit card are available at the NCF by calling (248) 374-0200.



"It's one of our major fundraisers for the year for the endowment funds from which we annually make our grants," Peters said. Usually, more than 1,000 tickets are sold for the event.

Peters said a committee with the NCF works on the event all year long, looking for privately owned homes in the area. Five homes are eventually selected, and the homeowners are asked if they would like to participate. A professional decorator then decorates each home for the holidays, Peters said.

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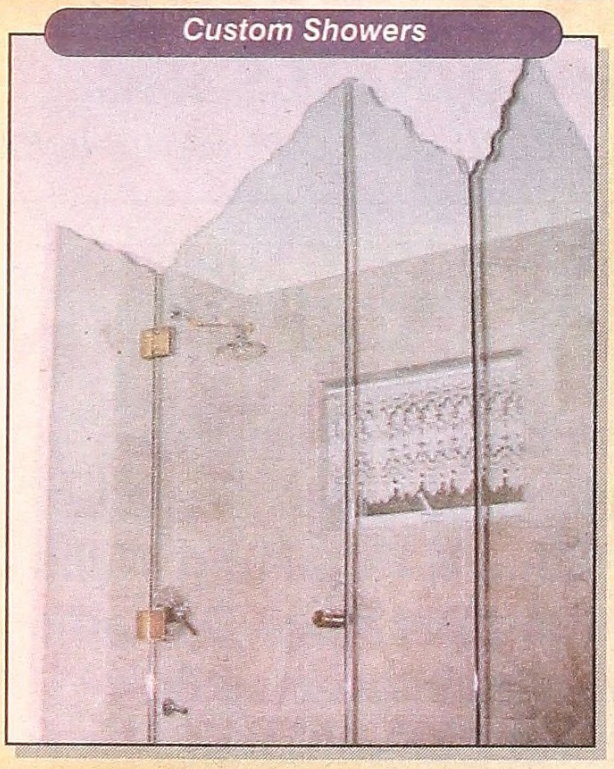

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"The neat thing is we have five decorators come in and do their magic," Peters said.

Ticket holders have the chance to tour these homes and vote for their favorite decorator.

Holiday Home Tour ticket holders will be presented with an entry blank for a $500 shopping drawing at Traditions in Northville when they exchange their tickets for the tour program. Entry blanks must be submitted at Traditions on Main Street in downtown Northville where the drawing will take place Nov. 16.

The Homes

According to Peters, each home is very different, unique and a must-see. One home, decorated by Jimmy Angell from Perlmutter-Freiwald, is a lakefront home with Brazilian walnut hardwood floors and a faux finished library. An elaborate turret entry greets the visitor when entering the home.

Angell, who is doing interior design for the entire home, said he has worked on the home from the blueprint stage. Angell said the home does not feature the traditional Christmas décor, but more of an artsy, seasonal look, featuring fresh greens and crystal. The home will be quite different from the other homes on the tour, Angell said.

A faux finish painted wall adds to the frosted blue décor of the wall near a server in a dining room of one of the home tour residences. The decorator has incorporated the color scheme of the home into the holiday adornments.

Homeowner Richard Kligman said he likes what Angell has done, and enjoys being a part of the home tour.

"It's a nice opportunity to give people a chance to see the beauty of the community and our home," Kligman said.

A custom-built Cape Cod is decorated by Carolyn Russo of Flower's from Joe's. The home is one year old and features an open floor plan with extensive use of granite and hardwood floor. Many of the walls are adorned with faux painting.

Russo said the homeowner has eclectic tastes, preferring Asian accents with both contemporary and traditional styles.

She said she tries to accent the everyday décor of the home and not overpower it. She plans on decorating the bedroom in the homeowner's favorite colors, with accents of gold for the holidays.

"We're going to do our best to make our homeowner happy," Russo said.

Suzanne Pietrandrea, the homeowner, said it's an honor to have her home selected for the tour, and she is happy with the results.

"It's not like being in a contest. It's a totally unsolicited honor," Pietrandrea said.

A 6,000 square-foot traditional colonial home with 16 rooms will also be featured on the tour. The home includes an enclosed sunroom that extends out into the woods. Peggy Robison from Preferences, the decorator of the home, said it will feature a Christmas tree decorated with copper tones, and a tree in the study will have an exotic animal theme.

This purple and gold tree has been placed next to the decorated fireplace mantle in the bedroom of one of the homes selected for the tour this year. The homeowner's collection of holiday ornaments is used throughout the home.

"This year we have a very neutral home, we can do whatever we want colorwise," Robison said.

Robert Newell of Robert Newell Designs has decorated a 20-room traditional colonial that features Trompe l'oeil panels, hand-painted murals and custom-made moldings. The home-

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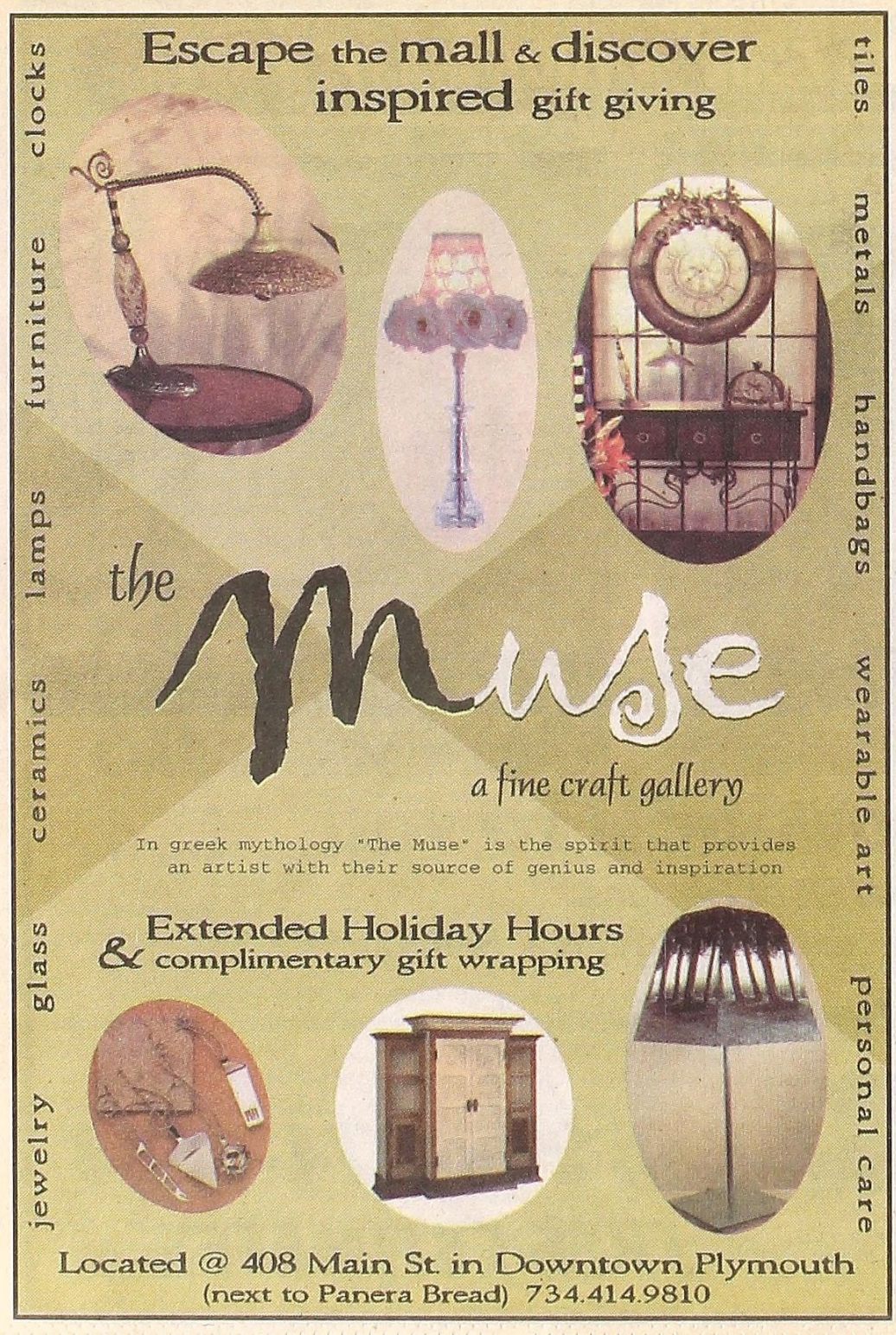

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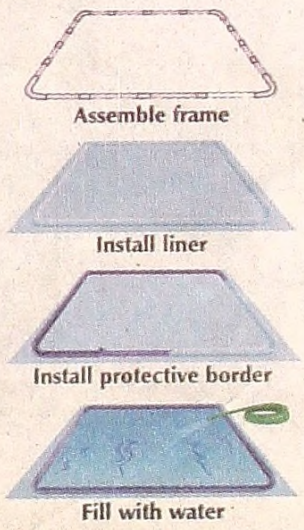

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owner said Newell has worked in her home before, and she likes what he does.

"He works with what I have, and I don't have to start from scratch," she said. "He gives a real creative touch."

Newell said he tries to coordinate his ideas with what's important to the client. Newell said he is incorporating the homeowner's extensive collection of Lennox and Waterford ornaments when decorating her Christmas trees. The home will feature a 15-foot tree, with the trees embellishing the ornaments with bows, florals and berry sprays.

Newell said the grand foyer features garland roping down the staircase in hunter green, burgundy and gold. The dining room features a frosty blue coloring for the season with two centerpiece arrangements and trees in the window, Newell said.

Another traditional colonial home with 20 rooms features an antique carnival horse dating back to 1870 in the foyer and a carved bar in the great room. The bar was found in an old church in Dallas, TX. The back yard is complete with a putting green and sand trap. The holiday decorations at this home promise to be spectacular, Peters said.

The great room in this home is breathtaking—and will only become more glamorous when the holiday decorations are added to the perfectly accessorized room.

The library in this home didn't escape attention for the holidays. The decorator placed a small tabletop tree on the desk to add to the impact of the unique paint treatments on the walls and customized woodwork.

The Decorators

Peters said all the decorators are well-known. Angell says his work depends on what a client likes and dislikes when hatching ideas for decorating.

"I think it's important for a designer to listen to what a client wants," Angell said.

Angell has been with Perlmutter-Freiwald for eight years, and took over the model home department three years ago. He's been in the interior design business for 14 years, and before coming to Perlmutter-Freiwald he worked at Merchandise Mart in Chicago. This is Angell's first year decorating for the home tour.

Angell said he is primarily a residential designer and has designed a few private offices. He likes to expose people to things they may not already be exposed to in the retail market, he said.

Russo said she has been decorating the storefront of Flower's from Joe's for 18 years, growing more elaborate each year with theme trees, wreaths and centerpieces. This is her third year decorating for the home tour. Russo decorates under her own name, Flower's from Joe's by Carolyn. In past years, Russo has decorated for the Greenmead Home Tour.

Russo said she enjoys doing the NCF holiday home tour.

"It brings a lot of customers into the store and is a really nice way to meet new people," Russo said.

Robison said her store, Preferences, totally converts to a Christmas setting every year. She closes both stores in Petosky and Northville for an entire week to make the conversion, which is a lot of work, she said. Robison said she has owned the business for 15 years.

Robison said this is her third year participating in the home tour, and says she enjoys the experience.

"It's always different. The people are always different. It's always fun to find something for their home," Robison said.

Newell works year-round doing interior and floral design from of his firm in Waterford. He said he has designed Meadowbrook Hall in years past for the annual Christmas Walk. Newell said he tends to not go with current trends when decorating, but with whatever works with his client's home. What's trendy may work well, he said, but he doesn't base what he does on trends.

Newell said he also tries to go with the flow of colors in a room,

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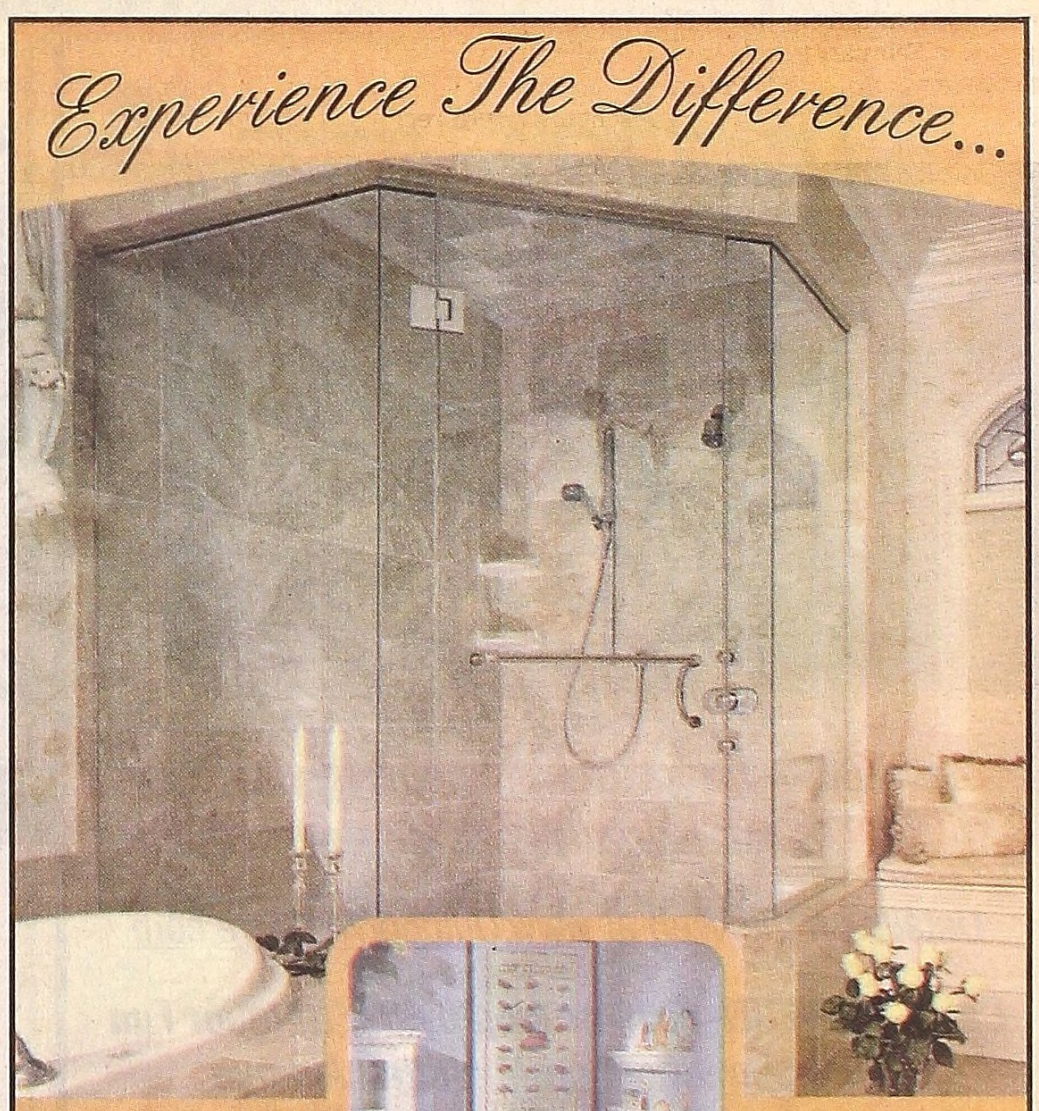

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and likes to spread a little bit of Christmas throughout a home instead of focusing only on one spot or room.

About the Northville Community Foundation

The NCF works to strengthen the non-profit organizations in the community and builds endowments to secure funding. The Holiday Home Tour is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the NCF, Peters said. This year, the proceeds from the tour will help fund the endowment funds, including the Healthy Youth and Seniors endowment.

"It means a lot for our endowment funds. It means the world to us," Peters said of the tour. "We exist strictly on donations and grants."

The NCF awarded many grants in the past year. Grants were given to the Northville High School chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), the Northville city and township Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) programs and the Northville Civic Concern's food pantry and Senior Citizen Prescription Drug Program.

In 2003, the food pantry will receive a check at the beginning of every month from the NCF starting in February to help keep it stocked year-round, Peters said.

In the bay window of the dining room, the decorator and homeowner elected to place a tree which perfectly complements the furnishings and accessories.

"There are people in need in this community," Peters said.

The Northville Arts Commission, New Hope and the Northville High School band were also awarded grants in the past year. Two Northville High School seniors were awarded scholarships, while grants to fund anti-smoking programs at three area schools were provided by the NCF. Last year, anti-smoking programs at Our Lady of Victory School, St. Paul's Lutheran School and Meads Mill Middle School were granted funding from the NCF.

Peters said two additional schools would receive funding for the anti-smoking programs this year, while working with St. Mary Mercy and Providence hospitals.

The foundation also provides holiday gift baskets for bed-ridden senior citizens. Peters said the NCF has been doing this since the foundation began, and it grows every year. Between 35 and 40 gift baskets will be given away this year, personally delivered by NCF board member Tom Burzynski, according to Peters. Peters said they are always in need of large-print books and toiletries to fill the baskets.

Ticket Holder Procedure

Peters said programs for the home tour are not available before the event. Ticket holders are asked to bring their tickets to Ward Presbyterian Church, located at 4000 Six Mile Road in Northville, and park in lot D. Participants should bring their ticket to the door to receive their program. Ticket holders are each designated to a specific home to begin their tour to ensure parking availability at each home and to avoid overcrowding, according to Peters. Every 25 ticket holders will start the tour at a different home, Peters said.

Peters said each participant should follow the assigned order on the map in the program when visiting the homes to further ensure the tour flows smoothly. She said the tour program also includes a restaurant guide, with tourists being responsible for their own transportation.

Peters said tourists should make sure to cast their vote for best decorator at the end of their tour. Tickets will have a ballot attached, which participants can place in a drop box located in each home. The winning decorator will be presented with a plaque.

The dining room in this home features a Trompe l'oeil ceiling with a cloud-filled sky to soothe diners. Holiday decorations are in the same color scheme as the room.

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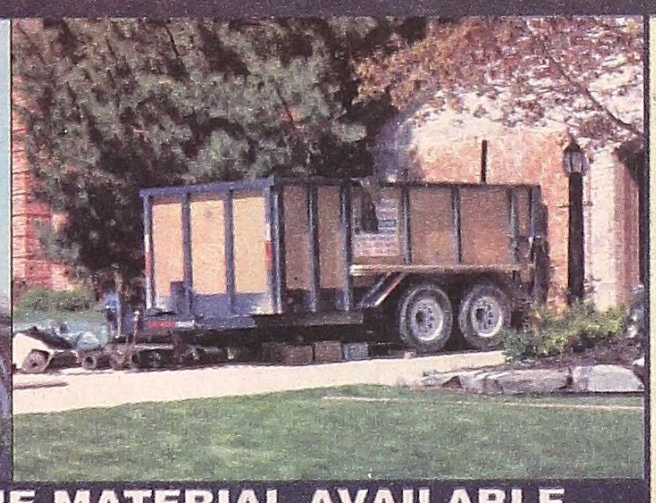

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Sports

Salem soccer squad advances to final 4

Bill Dean
Special writer

Halloween came two days late for the Livonia Stevenson soccer team. In Saturday's Regional championship game, Plymouth Salem rose from the dead after trailing 2-0 at halftime, then refused to die in sudden death overtime. For the second straight game, the Rocks fell behind early, but scrambled to win at the last minute.

"We can't continue to come from behind," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "Although we seem to respond pretty well after giving up the early goal, we need to change that trend."

Through wizardry or witchcraft, Salem made the Spartans' title hopes disappear, but not without a trace. This game left its mark on both teams: Stevenson, regarded as the number one team in the state, was haunted by Salem, who gave them their only two losses. The Rocks, on the other hand, go forward with renewed confidence. They found themselves two goals down for the first time all year, but they didn't panic, played smart, and found a way to tie the game.

"Kevin Savitskie and Brian Popeney came up big," said McCarthy. "Brian scored the penalty kick in a pressure filled situation, then assisted on the second goal."

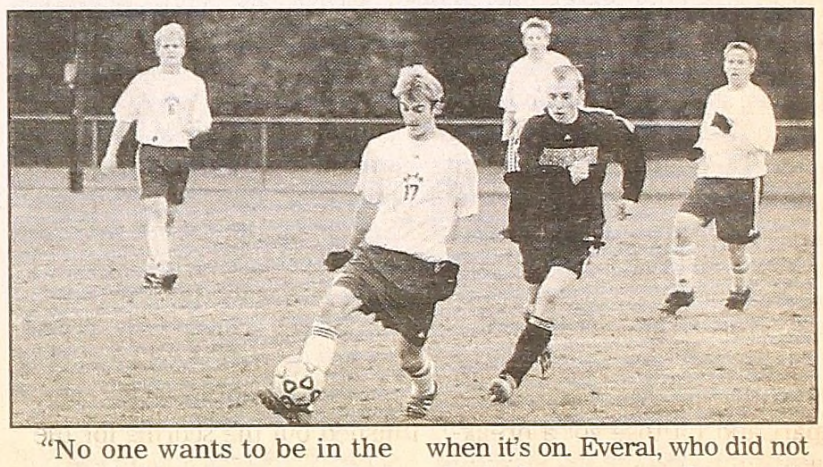
As Steve Cox had done in the regional opener against Monroe, Chris Conlisk scored the game-tying goal to pull the Rocks even. They needed just four minutes of overtime to finish Monroe, but that victory must have seemed a distant memory for the Rocks, now engaged in a desperate sudden-death battle for their play-off lives. Despite surrendering two late goals, the Spartans had no intention of conceding momentum to the Rocks. Well into the second overtime, Stevenson repeatedly fed the ball to forward Nik Djokic, whose combination of aggressiveness and creativity had already resulted in a first half goal. Now Djokic steamed up the right sideline and chipped the ball over the Salem keeper that brought the crowd to its feet and brought the Stevenson players and coaches streaming onto the field in expectant celebration. Tom Huls, in the Salem net, applied the buzz kill by deftly turning and collecting the ball as it clanged off the post. No goal. This game would be decided by a shoot-out.

"We lost two shoot-outs early in the season, so we've been practicing quite a bit lately," recalls McCarthy. "In practice, Tommy might face up to 100 penalty kicks. He does a good job of reading the shooter.

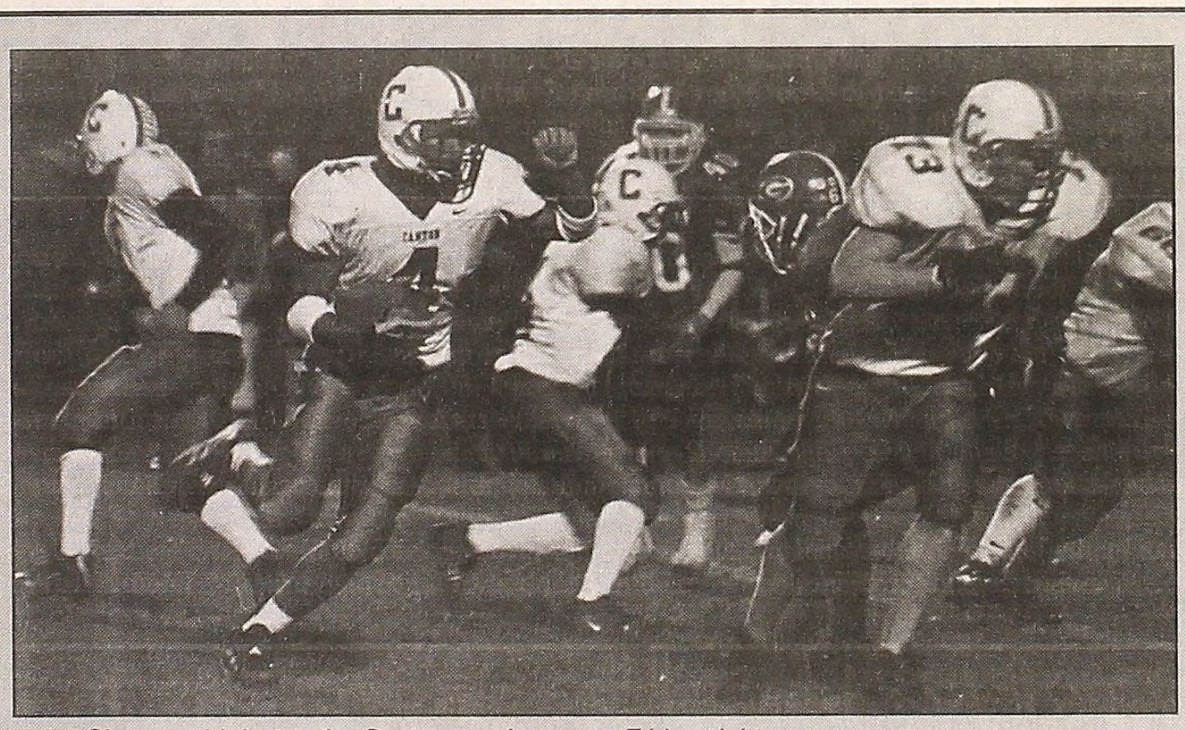
Before the game, the Plymouth goalkeeper practiced defending a few penalty kicks. He dove right, he dove left, made a couple of saves, then trotted off. He couldn't have known that in two hours he would be facing the real thing. Or could he?

Twice during the shootout Huls made tremendous saves. These penalty shots were not mis-kicks. They were struck perfectly and were headed for the corners, but Huls was ready. He dove right, he dove left, made a couple of saves, then trotted off.

Now the game was Salem's for the taking. The Rocks had one shot remaining. But who would take it?



"No one wants to be in the position to blow the game – it's a huge amount of pressure," said McCarthy. "But Jeff Everal has one of the best shots on the team when it's on. Everal, who did not play in the game, was the coach's choice. Cool as the other side of the pillow, he buried his shot and sent Salem to the semifinals.



John Glenn couldn't stop the Canton running game Friday night. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr

Chiefs run over Glenn in playoff

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs took a measure of revenge Friday night when they traveled to John Glenn to take on the Rockets in the first round of the district playoffs.

The Rockets sent the Chiefs to their only loss of the season on a sloppy night two weeks into the campaign.

John Glenn Coach Chuck Gordon said he was without two of his main weapons – starting quarterback Brian Ceckiewicz was out with a bruised kidney and running back Tony Davis only carried the ball once. Even so, he said he didn't want to take anything away from the Canton game.

"They're a good football team," he said. "They're coming on in the right time of the year. We knew what we were getting into."

The Chiefs struck first, on their third play from scrimmage, according to Canton Coach Tim Baechler.

Quarterback Dave Nicolaff pitched to Reggie Joyner, who scampered 66 yards to the end zone.

Corey Rutledge added to the lead when he capped a drive with an 8-yard run.

The Rockets tried a little

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Belleville rallies for win

Scott Spielman
Editor

For a while, it didn't look good for the Belleville Tigers football team. The 8-1 tigers hosted the South Lyon Lions Friday night in the first round of the district playoffs, and found themselves down to the visiting team 0-14 at halftime.

Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe said he didn't have a tailor-made inspirational speech to give his club during the break, he said he merely asked them if that was the type of football they wanted to play.

It wasn't.

The Tigers received the ball in the second half, and it didn't take them long to find the end zone then. The offensive spark came from quarterback Tyler Jones, who hit Jibri Abdullah with a 33-yard pass to get the Tigers rolling down field. That took them to about the 20-yard line, LaPointe said and from there they drove down to the four-yard line.

The drive stalled there, he said, but a 27-yard field goal put the Tigers on the board and started the comeback.

The Lions got the ball back, but the Tigers wouldn't let them take it anywhere. They put up two solid defensive stands to set the stage for the next touchdown opportunity for Belleville.

The Tigers were deep in to the South Lyon zone where they faced a fourth-and-one situation. Jones flipped it to Devon Geralds who eluded pursuit and ran it in from there. The extra point put the Tigers in striking distance, 10-14.

When the Lions got the ball back again, the defense again kept them in their place. They forced a punt from deep in the South Lyon zone, and Jon Warren got a hand on it. He got his legs underneath him and ran away from everyone, returning it 43 yards for the touchdown.

That put the Tigers up, 17-14 and they made the lead stick.

"We went back and forth in punts," LaPointe said.

"We were trying to maintain our field position and run down the clock."

The Tigers put 212 yard of total offense on the board, including 68 yards through the air. Jones was four-for 13 passing on the night.

The Tigers are now 9-1 on the year and host Ann Arbor Pioneer Friday night in a district semi final playoff game. That will be at Belleville High School at 7 p.m.

Whalers put up big numbers in 2 solid wins

Scott Spielman
Editor

The London Knights might have thought they had the Plymouth Whalers where they wanted them Saturday night when they went out to an early 2-0 lead at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

But they didn't. All they did was motivate the Whalers, who were coming off a Friday night loss to the Guelph Storm.

The scored six unanswered goals on their way to a 9-3 routing of London. Chad LaRose and James Wisniewski each had a hat trick on the night.

The Whalers actually out shot the Knights 9-2 during the first period, according to Whalers Coach Mike Vellucci.

"We were playing pretty good all night, we just couldn't score in the beginning," Vellucci said.

LaRose got things started for the Whalers at the 18:10 mark of the first period. Cole Jarrett and Ryan Ramsay fed him the puck and got assists on the play.

Karl Stewart tied the game at the 1:33 mark of the second period off assists from LaRose and Jarrett. He put them ahead about three minutes later when he and Jarrett hooked up again at the 4:12 mark.

Wisniewski put in the first two of his three about two minutes apart and LaRose got a breakaway during the closing minutes of the second period to notch the short handed goal. When the period ended, the Whalers had reversed their fortunes with a 6-2 lead.

"We just kept coming back at them," Vellucci said.

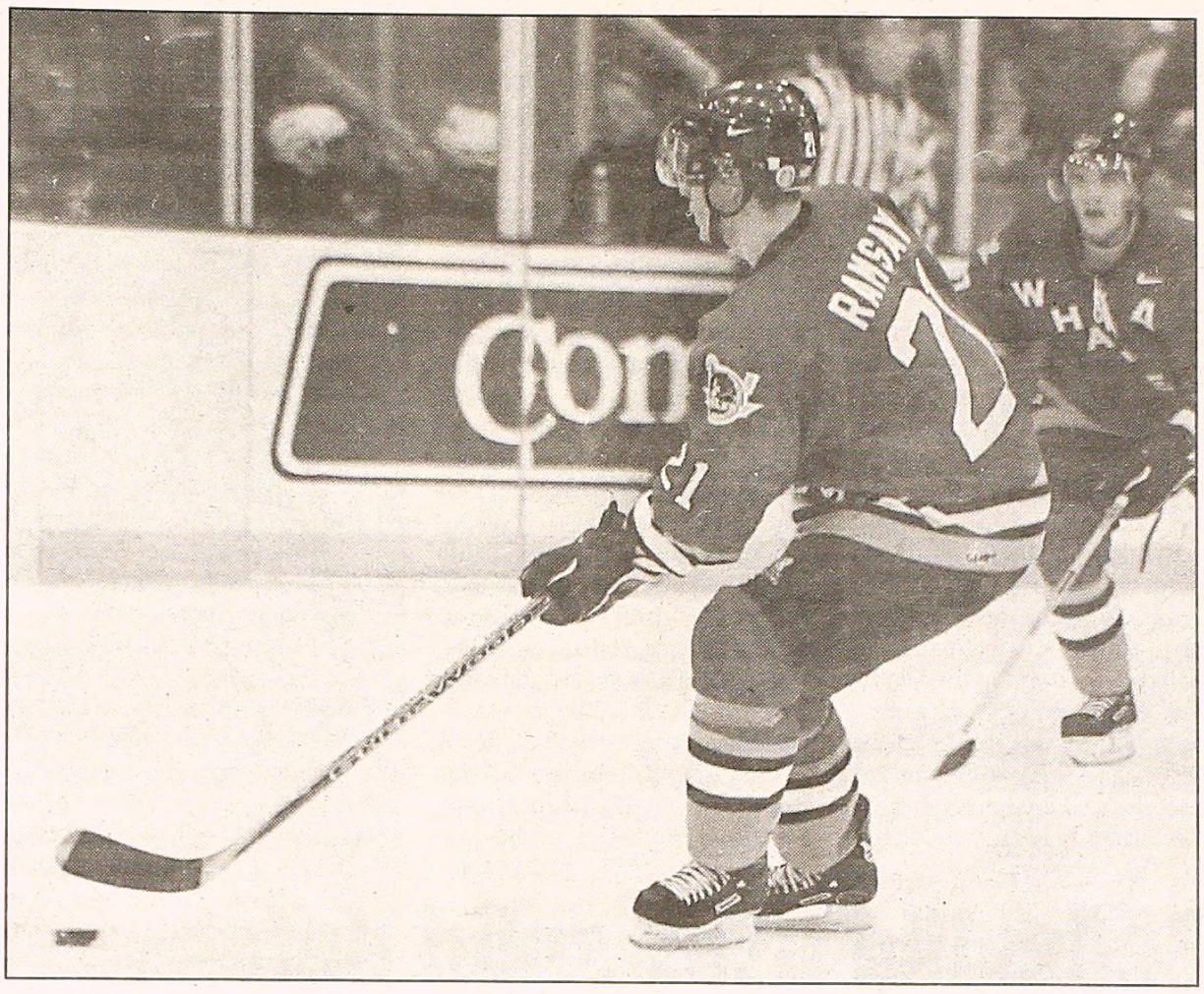
The Whalers added three more in the third period, all on the power play, including a goal from Jarrett, LaRose and Wisniewski. Jeff Weaver, acquired last week from Sault Ste. Marie, got the win for the Whalers.

It was their second solid offensive outing in of the week, according to Vellucci. They traveled to Sault Ste. Marie on Devil's night and left with a 6-2 victory. It was Weaver's first game in a Whaler uniform against his old team.

He blocked two penalty shots within two minutes, which was a first for the Ontario Hockey League, which hadn't seen two penalty shots in a single game before, according to Vellucci.

The Whalers had control of that game throughout the entire contest, according to Vellucci. They were up 4-0 before Weaver allowed his first goal of the evening. Jarrett and Wisniewski tallied in the first period and LaRose contributed two more in the second, one of them unassisted.

John Vigilante and Ramsay finished out the scoring for the Whalers.



Ryan Ramsay has been one of the contributing factors to the Plymouth Whalers this season.

Vellucci said that while LaRose has been on fire, the core group of LaRose, Jarrett and Wisniewski has taken on a leadership role with the relatively young club.

"They've really stepped up," he said.

He said he traded for Weaver because he wanted a little more depth in the goaltending position.

He said that he and Paul Drew would take turns opening the games in the net.

"I've always thought it was very good to have two goalies competing for the same job," Vellucci said. "They tend to push each other to do better."

The Whalers are 9-5-1-1 on the year, and in second place in the Western Division of the OHL. They host the Erie Otters Friday and the Sarnia Sting Friday and Saturday. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Wayne intends to approve and execute a Contract of Lease with the City of Wayne Building Authority pursuant to Act No. 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended. Such Contract will provide, among other things, that said Building Authority will acquire, construct, furnish and equip a new Police Facility, together with site, utility and parking improvements and all appurtenances and attachments thereto, and WILL ISSUE ITS BONDS TO FINANCE THE ESTIMATED COST OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING THE SAME FOR SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED $7,500,000. Said bonds will mature serially in not to exceed 25 annual installments, and will bear interest not exceeding 6% per annum on the outstanding principal balance or such higher rate as may be authorized by law.

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CONTRACT SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY, IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN 45 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SUCH PUBLICATION. If such petition is so filed, the Contract shall not be effective without an approving vote by a majority of electors of the City voting on the question.

This Notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 8 (b) of the aforesaid Act 31, as amended. Further information concerning the details of said Contract, the Project being financed and the matters set out in this Notice may be secured from the City Clerk's office. A copy of the Amended and Restated Contract will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection within 30 days from the date hereof.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk
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Chiefs takes Salem in cross-campus squeaker

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs earned two tough wins this week when they beat the Salem Rocks and the Walled Lake Western Warriors in two games by a combined five points.

Canton Coach Bob Blohm said it was the second half effort that spelled the difference Thursday night when the Warriors came to PCEP.

The Chiefs were down 23-14 at half time.

Blohm said the defense tightened up in the second half, though, and the offense came alive. It was Katie Cezat who sealed the game for the Chiefs. She grabbed and offensive rebound and put up the game-tying basket with 40 second left in the game, and then nailed two free throws to snatch the victory from the Warriors.

Cezat ended up with 19 points on the night and 13 rebounds. Kristen Lake scored five points but brought back nine boards.

It was a tight follow up to the Tuesday night victory Canton took from their cross-campus rivals, the Salem Rocks. The Chiefs held on for a 31-18 victory in a game that was low on points, but big on heart, according to Blohm.

"It was a low scoring game, but it was an exciting game, agreed Salem Coach Fred Thomann.

Cezat again led the Chiefs with 17 points. She came alive in the second half, according to Blohm. She scored seven of her 17 in the final quarter, and in fact was the only Chief to sink a field goal during the second half of the game. Ellen Canale led the Rocks with 12 points and Stephanie Philips put up 10.

Thomann said he was pleased with the effort the Rocks put out. "The bad news is that we lost, but the good news is that we competed," he said. "We may get a chance to play them again this year."

The Canton Chiefs proved too much for the Salem Rocks last week. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

Belleville uses solid defense to roll over Trenton

The Belleville Tigers girls' basketball team rolled to an easy win last Thursday over visiting Trenton.

Coach Kevin Edwards said only committed three turnovers during the game on their way to a 61-27 trouncing of the Trojans.

Chelsea Acho put in a strong performance for the Tigers with 14 points in the win.

"I've been waiting for her to come along all season," Edwards said.

Amantha Combs also put up 14 points in the win. Lisa DeBuck contributed 11 points.

The Tigers went up to a big early lead, 18-4 in the first quarter, and never looked back. They outscored Trenton 11-7 in the second, 11-10 in the third and 11-6 in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Edwards said the team has been concentrating on keeping the ball in practice this week. Before Thursday, they averaged about 25 turnovers a game.

"The girls are working hard," he said. "It's something we'll have to overcome."

It was one of the things that led to their downfall last Tuesday, when they played Southgate and lost 55-37. The game was even during the first two periods and tied at half time, 20-20.

The Tigers could only manage 17 more points during the remaining to quarters, though.

"We just couldn't break the press," Edwards said. "That's been our problem lately."

DeBuck was the only player in double digits that night. She scored 13 points.

The Tigers are 10-8 on the season, and 3-5 in the conference. They play Wyandotte at home tonight, and close out the season next week against Monroe.

"We're trying to work on one thing at a time," Edwards said.

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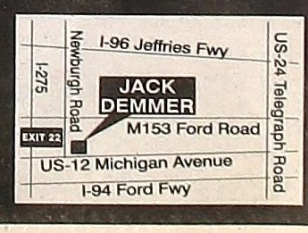

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Canton

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trickery in the second quarter. On the first play from scrimmage, sophomore quarterback Vinnie DeLuca pitched the ball to Jerrett Smith, who lofted a 71-yard touchdown pass to De'Anthony Granberry.

Glenn picked off a Nicolaff pass to end the next Canton threat and DeLuca and Granberry hooked up take the score to 14-13.

Less than two minutes later, the Chiefs found the end zone again. This time it was Devin Thomas who broke through the John Glenn line and sprinted 74 yards for the touchdown/ Joyner ran in the two-point conversion and the Chiefs had a 21-14 lead that they took into half time.

The Rockets weren't out of it yet, though. On their first possession of the second half, DeLuca hit Smith for a 56-yard touchdown that tied the game.

Joyner put the Chiefs back on top with a one-yard touchdown run. The Chiefs converted a fourth and four along the way.

The Chiefs took a gamble on their next possession, too. Faced with a fourth and 22 on the John Glenn 37, Baechler decided to go for it. Glenn broke up the pass play, but was called for interference. Joyner ran it in from two yards out to put the Chiefs up, 35-21.

The Canton Chiefscelebrate after another scoring drive.

John Glenn found the end zone one more time, when Smith roped in a 27-yard pass from DeLuca to bring the Rockets within eight points.

It was as close as they would get, though. Canton managed to convert on two more drives on touchdown runs from Rutledge and Thomas and sealed the 49-27 win.

The Chiefs put up 431 yard s of total offense in the game. Joyner had 213 yards, three touchdowns and the two point conversion. Rutledge finished with 89 yards and two touchdowns.

For the Rockets, DeLuca was 12 for 26 with 220 yards and three touchdowns.

"He did a great job of stepping up," Gordon said. It's a good sign for the future."

The Chiefs face off against Redford Catholic Central in a 1 p.m. Game at Redford on Saturday.

"They're big offensively and they've got a lot of speed," Baechler said. "It'll be a tough game."

The Rockets finish at 8-2 on the year, but Gordon said there was a good nucleus returning to the team next year.

"This district is one of the toughest in the state," he said. "Whoever comes out of it is for real and they have a chance of winning the whole thing."

Glenn stops Wayne

It's always a big rivalry game whenever the John Glenn Rockets and the Wayne Memorial Zebras meet for a sports contest.

It wasn't any different last Thursday, when the two cross-town rival basketball squads met at John Glenn High School.

This year, the Rockets held out against the Zebras, despite a strong fourth-quarter effort from Wayne. They topped the Zebras 49-41.

The game started evenly enough and it was tied at the end of the first quarter, 9-9. John Glenn started to pull away in the second, scoring 15 points and allowing only six to take a 24-15 lead into halftime.

They continued their roll in the third period, with another 14-6 run that left them ahead, 38-21 going into the fourth quarter.

That's when Wayne started their comeback.

"They never quit," said John Glenn Coach Mike Schuette. They played harder and harder."

Wayne narrowed the gap with a 20 point fourth quarter, and their defense kept the Rockets to 11 points. The aggressive play took its toll on the Rockets, according to Schuette.

"We fouled them too many times, and they were shooting good from the line," Schuette said. Wayne was eight for 12 in free throws in the fourth quarter.

The Wayne rally ran out of time, though, and the Rockets held on for the victory. Sara Tyree and Krystal Davis each led the Rockets with 16 points. Jennifer Thauvette put up 10. For Wayne it was Renita Price with 13 and Twansi White with 10 points.

Schuette said it was a good win for the Rockets, who dropped a close one last Tuesday to Livonia Churchill.

Northville basketball leagues froming

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department is taking player registrations for its youth winter basketball leagues through Nov. 29 or until all leagues are full. After Nov. 19, a $10 late fee will be charged.

The age groups for girls are 6th-8th grade and 9th-12th grades. The boys groups consist of 8th – 9th grades and 10th – 12th grades. All leagues will play a 10-game schedule, primarily on Saturdays, beginning Jan. 18, 2003.

Teams will practice two nights each week beginning on Jan. 6. The coaches meeting for all teams will take place on Dec. 18.

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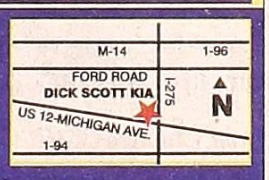

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Inkster dominates Monroe at home take take league edge

"I'll take a week like that any time," said Dave Mann Athletic Director at Inkster High School and head coach of the 14-2 Vikings.

The Vikings took two different teams to school last week including Monroe who had been in a tie with them for the lead in the Mega Red Conference.

The Trojans came to town Thursday night, the only team to have beaten Inkster in the league. That was a three-point victory on Oct. 10. The Trojans didn't put up much of an effort in the lopsided, 71-20 victory.

"We were highly motivated," Mann said.

Brittany Evans led the Vikings with 15 points in the win. Tiffany Smith scored13 points and Keisha Young put up 12. Ashley Schatzle, who scored 22 points in the last game against the Vikings didn't sink a single shot all night.

The Vikings took a 15-2 lead after the first quarter and a 31-7 lead at halftime.

It was a good follow up to Tuesday night's victory, when the Vikings hosted Trenton, according to Mann. Inkster only allowed 18 points during the game, and scored 68 in the lopsided win.

The game was actually close during the first quarter, according to Mann. The Vikings were only up 16-12 at the end of it. Their defense clamped down, though, and they only allowed six points for the remainder of the contest.

Smith led the Vikings with 17 points on the night.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 14, 2002 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Pro Tem Debbie Romak

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Excused: Randolph Gear
Absent: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-376

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 7, 2002.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No action taken.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-377

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter
into the following contracts for the Laptop Consortium for the Police Department:
Master Product Agreement No. 2002062006SA
Supplement Contract No. ROMU-200205 81
Supplement Contract No. ROMU 20020775
Addendum to H.T.E. Software License and Services Agreement

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-378

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt resolutions acknowledging the retirement from the Police Department of the following employees and thanking them for their years. of service: Executive Lt. James Rafalski Executive Lt. Danny Snyder Lt. Daryl Poe Lt. David Early Lt. Eric Painter Sgt. Ronald Huggins Sgt. Joseph Wedesky Sgt. John Myers Sgt. Emmett Barnes Sgt. Michael Ondejko Sgt. Gordon Malaniak

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-379

5C. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Rollo Juckette, Auctioneer for conducting the City's annual auction of excess City owned personal property to be held November 9, 2002 at 10: 00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works Building, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-380

5D. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to grant authorization to S.L.C. Meter Service to rebuild and make the necessary repairs to the water meter at 8600 Merriman Road, Clarion Hotel at an estimated cost of $2,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth, Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-381

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to reject Bid 02/03-03 for Bituminous Patching "Cold Patch" due to specification errors.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-382

6A1 Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 02/03-03,04,05 introduced at the meeting of October 7, 2002.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain -Miller. Motion Carried.

02-383

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the following Traffic Control
Orders for the placement of "NO PARKING FINE LANE" signs at the following locations:

- Amber Drive - Both north and south of McDonald Drive
- Silo Drive - From McDonald Drive north to terminus
- Fallow Court - From McDonald Drive north to terminus
- McDonald Drive - From Cogswell east to terminus

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Councilman Wadsworth is excused at 8:22 p.m.

02-384

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to grant authorization for payment of Warrant #02-19 in the grand total amount of One Million, Six Hundred and Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty Five Dollars and Eighty Nine Cents ($1,603,965.89).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 14, 2002.

Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: November 7, 2002

New township hall plans will go to planning commission

Northville Township officials decided last week that they liked the look of their new proposed facilities, after all.

They'll be submitted – with a few minor changes – to the township planning commission for site plan review this month, according to Township Manager Chip Snider.

He said the architects from French and Associates, acting on input from the township board and planning commission, kept the large glass entranceway designed into the proposed township hall at Six Mile and Sheldon roads, and in fact used it as the signature tower for municipal facilities. Two smaller circular towers designed into the new fire station at the entrance of Millennium Park would be changed to square towers, but they wouldn't be constructed of glass, Snider said.

The changes came after township officials took another look at the plans and saw the effects of changes they proposed when the architects showed them the plans last month.

Several members of the board said those plans were too contemporary and they wanted something more timeless. That meant the elimination of the open two-story lobby. But the same members who said they didn't like the glass tower recoiled when the saw the plans for the same tower made of brick, Snider said.

The interior of all the facilities will remain largely unchanged from the plans presented last month, he said.

"I've always said the elected officials and residents should have a say in the outside of the facilities, but the inside should be designed by those who use it," Snider said. "The board never had a problem with that."

Barth Elementary School in Romulus recently won a Golden Apple Award for improvements in (Michigan Educational As during a three-year period. Holding the award is Diana Golka, Barth principal, with Joel R. Carr, superintendent of schools.

Golden Apple is awarded

Barth Elementary School in Romulus was one of 127 schools in the state to win the State of Michigan Golden Apple Award. The award is presented to schools that improve Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores by a total of 60 points in math, reading, writing and science over a three-year period. It's the second consecutive year the school won the award.

This year the award brings $10,000 to the school, compared with the $50,000 award of last year. State officials indicated that Gov. John Engler reduced the prize this year due to budgetary constraints. The money is to be used for school improvements as determined collectively by full-time employees at the school.

Annual craft show set in Belleville

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the fourth annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Belleville High School cafeteria, with more than 60 crafters' work on display. There is no admission charge, and food will be served throughout the day. Concession proceeds will go to the Trinity Episcopal Church Youth Group.

Pat and Barb Danna of Belleville are serving as co-chairs for the event. "We'll have a lot more crafters than last year," Barb Danna said. "Our space is completely full now. It's going to be quite a large craft show, with close to 70 crafters. Our craft show is drawing from other communities. We're trying to make it one of the largest shows in the area," she said.

Booths will include beeswax candles; custom glass etching; handmade soaps, lotions and foot scrubs; stained glass angels; vintage china pins; hand-blown glass vessels; gift baskets; Christmas decorations; quilts; tree skirts; garden items and original nature-related art.

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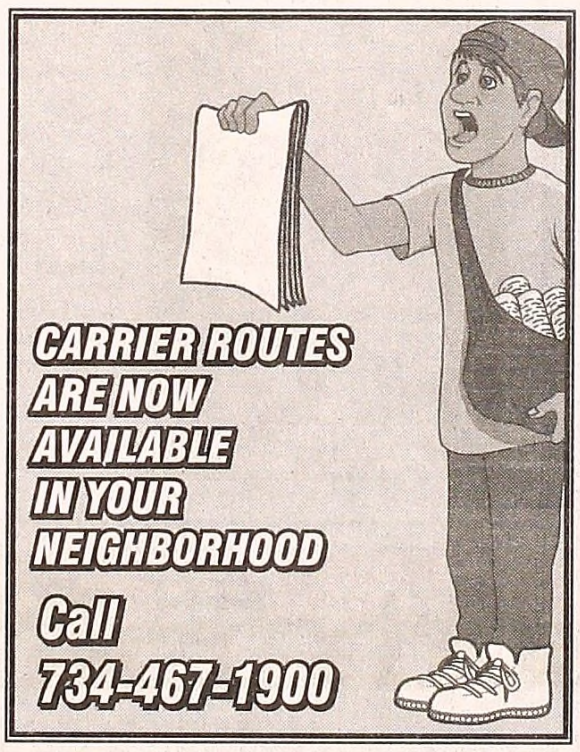

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Athletes of the Week

Name: Sarah Schmitt

High School: Huron High School

Year: Senior

Sport/Team/Event: Cross Country

Coach: Beth Schroyer

Winning statistics: One of three girls to beat meet record at Grosse Ile Invitational. Won the Whitmore Lake Invitational. Third year for states.

Coach's Comments: "Sarah is the all league captain and has improved dramatically. She has taken on additional responsibilities leading the freshmen and showing them the way "

Name: James Erickson

High School: Belleville High School

Year: Junior

Sport/Team/Event: Cross Country

Coach: George Devore

Winning Statistics: Third year qualifier for the state championship and first place in all Mega Red Competitions this season.

Coach's Comments: "James is a true competitor in every sense of the word. He is a perfectionist in practice and in meets. He sets his goals very high and achieves. His personal best this year was at Patriots Park in 16:17. James carries a 4.22 in the classroom."

Name: Roy Hollis

High School: Romulus High School

Year: Junior

Sport/Event/Team: Golf

Coach: Paul Niedermeyer

Winning Statistics: All league, all conference individually. Second individually in league meet.

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